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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 681

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Louise Fisher upon being named the "1999 South Lawrence Citizen of the Year" and for laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those estimable public servants who have dedicated their personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, through their hard work, expertise, and dedication, these sterling individuals have pieced together the enduring fabrics that comprise the grand tapestry of the United States of America and have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mrs. Louise Fisher, who is a highly respected member of the South Lawrence community and evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, because of her tireless and selfless volunteer work, Mrs. Fisher was named the "1999 South Lawrence Citizen of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, this coveted award is presented annually by the South Lawrence Citizens for Progressive Development; Louise Fisher was honored for this award during a ceremony and reception that was held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> of this year at the Loretto Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, through her exemplary work with the Loretto Lions Club, Mrs. Fisher has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fisher first became involved with the Lions Club in 1990 in an effort to find her life again after the death of her husband, Neal; and

WHEREAS, she joined the Loretto Lions Club at a time when women were first being welcomed into the organization and had the distinct honor of being the first woman to join the Loretto Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fisher is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor of South Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, working through the Lions Clubs International Foundation, Louise Fisher helped to provide disaster relief for Iron City and Lawrenceburg, both of which had been ripped apart by tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, for her meritorious efforts, Mrs. Fisher was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow Award for humanitarian service, the highest honor the Lions Club has to offer. She is the only Loretto Lion to be presented with this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, for her praiseworthy service, Louise Fisher has been the deserving recipient of many other Lions Club awards, both locally and internationally. She remains active with the Lions Club and attends district and state conventions; and

WHEREAS, on a free trip to Australia that she won through a bank contest, Mrs. Fisher was delighted to have the rare opportunity to work with the Lions Club of another country and cites that particular trip as one of her favorites; and

WHEREAS, Louise Fisher's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with the Loretto Lions, Mrs. Fisher still finds time to lend her remarkable talents to such notable causes as the Terrytown Reunion Committee, whose members periodically gather to and raise money for a scholarship, and the Auxiliary Club; and

WHEREAS, Louise Fisher epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, loving the Lord and endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Mrs. Fisher faithfully worships the Lord as an active and devout member of her local Methodist church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fisher is most grateful for the love and encouragement she shares with her daughter, Judy Kay Simbeck, her grandchildren, Troy Don Simbeck and Tara Lee Boleyn, and her great-grandchildren, Colton Neal Simbeck and Caitlin Ann-Louise Boleyn; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Louise Fisher is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mrs. Louise Fisher upon being named "1999 South Lawrence Citizen of the Year," applaud her for her laudable service to the good

people of South Lawrence and the citizens of the state of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.